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Scott S. Harris, Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Firth v. McDonald*, No. 21-974

Dear Mr. Harris:

On December 30, 2021, Petitioners filed a conditional cross-petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned matter. The current deadline for a response is February 7, 2022. Respondents respectfully request the time to file a response be extended by 21 days, to February 28, 2022. *See* S. Ct. Rule 30.4. Petitioners raise new arguments in the cross-petition which have not previously been briefed in this case and which ask the Court to overturn existing precedent. An extension is warranted to ensure ample time to respond to these new arguments. Additionally, Petitioners recently requested and received a comparable extension to file a response in the lead case, *McDonald v. Firth*, No. 21-800. Petitioners do not oppose this request.

Sincerely,

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